

Service Committee
January 22, 2008
5:45 PM
Minutes

Call to order: Mr. Paini called the meeting to order.

Roll Call:

Present for roll call were Mr. Paini (Chair), Dr. Bender, Ms. Turner. Also in attendance was Mayor Ebert, Ed Snyder (Streets), Steve Farst (Engineer), Bill Sims (Const. Svcs), Matt Peoples (Public Works), Joe Taylor (WTP), Dick Miller (Urban Forester) and Steve Smith (WWTP) and Chris Strayer.

Engineer's Report:

Steve Farst reported that the Columbus Street Project opens Friday, January 25th. They are also working on assisting Village Staff with regards to the Streets program for 2008 in getting specifications together.

Staff Reports:

Bill Sims - The Dietz/Gender traffic signal is still under construction and may be on a flash mode later this month. It will have to operate on flash mode for a period of time with signs stating that there is a new signal and a date on which it will become a fully-functioning light. The timing of the light will be in conjunction with the other lights on Gender Road.

The Meijer project has slowed down for the exterior due to weather. There is not a concrete opening date at this time and Mr. Sims is concerned that it will come down to a tight schedule to get the roadways finished. A citizen called and complained that there was a "C" on the brick columns which may have stood for "Canal Winchester" should have been a "CW". Mr. Sims stated he did not know what the "C" stands for.

They are working on the 2008 Street Program. Washington Knolls will have a lot of repair work and then focus will shift toward preventative maintenance on other roads as they approach 10 years old. Crack fill and slurry seal will be applied to early phases of Ashbrook and Westchester to protect and prolong the life of the roads.

The widening of Lithopolis Road at Gender Road is being postponed until a later date.
Date is unspecified at this time.

Matt Peoples- Shawn Starcher was introduced as the new Street Supervisor and congratulated on his new position.

They are working on some design issues with subdivision regulations. New stormwater permit was put out by the Federal EPA and mandates some changes in our existing program. It will probably entail some legislative changes that will be brought forward soon.

Dick Miller - STAB is involved in Woodland Preservation issues. Lisa Bowers, State Forrester, will be at the meeting tonight to discuss these issues.

\$1000 has been budgeted for Arbor Day. This year, instead of handing out 800-1000 seedlings to children, they will create an Environmental Owl Nesting Area with and screech-owl box and a cluster of evergreens. Children will participate in the planting of the trees. This will be located in the rear of the elementary school in the wetlands area.

25 Tree Swallow nest boxes were installed at the Canal Pointe wetland with a \$1200 grant from SWACO as part of an experimental mosquito control project.

Ed Snyder- They are having several problems with their trucks, fuel pumps going out and emergency brakes falling off, so they are largely focused on maintenance of the trucks. Benched from downtown have been taken in and are being rehabbed. Prices are being obtained for a new zero-turn mower. Next week, Shawn and Mr. Snyder will be calling in applicants to fill Mr. Starcher's old position.

Steve Smith- Mr. Smith and Mr. Peoples went to Virginia with a representative from a company that sells the machine in which Mr. Smith is interested. They visited Mount Jackson, Stanley and Front Royal Virginia to see the use of this machine. This machine will give the waste water treatment plant independence from the weather for their sludge control. They were very impressed with the machinery and are furthering the process by seeing how it would fit in to the plant and hoping to see installation within 3-6 months.

As of February 1st, FCC is discontinuing all cellular signals in the analog range which affects the Route 33 lift station controls which are analog. The new digital controls are here and will be installed by the end of the month.

Mr. Smith states that they are replying to attorney inquiries and documents with regards to the Lithopolis suit. Depositions are scheduled for next week.

2007 closed without a single sewer back up for the year and he is happy with that and hopes to replicate that for 2008!

Mr. ____ said there was a resident in Ashbrook that has been complaining of a sewer smell. Mr. Smith has been working with Rockford Homes and residents to see the nature of these problems and has seen in many cases that the problem is inherent in the way the builder built the house not with the sewer system itself.

Joe Taylor - Working to resolve issues with the pressure filters. The life expectancy of 2 of the 6 pressure filters are showing one-third to one-sixth of what they should be. This issue was causing some of the brown water complaints and the complaints have dropped dramatically since identifying this problem in December.

Well field is working well. Temporary heat lamps are keeping the shafts from freezing up. They are waiting for some insulation for the discharge pump to be installed... estimated time is 2-5 weeks.

Generator Supply area and the VFD's are not communicating back and forth properly, setting off a false alarm and requiring a manual re-set. They are working on resolving the issue.

In November 2007, both Gender Road towers were drained and inspected. The South Gender tower will require maintenance this year. Utility Services offers a maintenance program where they take over the maintenance operations of all the water towers for an annual fee. They would drain and inspect the towers and repaint the interior and exterior every few years. Mr. Taylor and Mr. Peoples are looking into the feasibility of this program for the Village of Canal Winchester and may present their findings at the next Service Committee meeting.

Pended Items:

15-07 Raparian Corridor Protection Ordinance. – Stricken from the Service Committee agenda

24-07 Renewal of Engineer's Contract (Expires February 2008)

Mr. Paini stated that EMHT has extended an offer that their contract be extended for 2008 at the 2007 rates. The decision has been made to take them up on that offer.

25-07 Inspection Services and Testing Contracts Renewal

Resource International will be under contract for another year for construction testing. Dr. Bender is the sponsor.

The contract with Quality Control Inspection for construction inspection is up for renewal. Further information will be brought to next month's meeting.

New Items for Discussion:

01-08 Columbus Street Reconstruction Project – Phase 1 Sponsor needed for contract at February 4th meeting.

Bids are opening this Friday. EMHT will take 2 weeks to do evaluation and come back with a recommendation. That recommendation will be available for the February 4th meeting. Ms. Turner will sponsor this legislation.

02-08 Spring Tree Planting – Sponsor needed for February 18th meeting to award Contract. Bid opening February 14.

Contract will be bid on the 14th of February for the planting of 143. Mr. _____ sponsored this legislation.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Adjournment

Dr. Bender moved to adjourn this meeting of the Service Committee and was seconded by Ms. Turner. .

VOTE: **AYES:** Dr. Bender, Ms. Turner, Mr. Paini,
 NAYS:

Meeting was adjourned at 6:27pm